

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : GRODE et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2010 please consider the remarks contained on the following pages. This response is being timely filed on or before the September 21, 2010 deadline.

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